GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OUTSOURCING VISA APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to assign the work pertaining to visa applications to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government is considering a proposal to have a pilot outsourcing project for visa applications in London and it will be replicated elsewhere only subject to success of this proposal in London. A final decision will be taken after weighing all the pros and cons of the proposal.